

CPIA Project #6

Care That Counts: Treating DFUs in My Practice with Adequate Off-loading

CATEGORY – IA_PM_10 Population Management

Participation in a QCDR which must include the use of QCDR data for quality improvement in a specific population.

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this activity is to ensure that you are providing adequate off-loading of any DFUs in your practice at each visit and if not, to improve your quality of practice by doing so. The evidence-based, Consensus Guidelines developed by an expert Panel detail the various types of off-loading that are appropriate for DFUs, depending on the location of the ulcer.¹ The panel strongly recommended that appropriate off-loading be provided at each visit. The off-loading QCDR measure raises the bar on quality practice and CPIA because it is a per-visit activity.

WHAT TOOLS YOU NEED TO PERFORM THIS CPIA

You will need to download the eCQM for CDR #1 and install it into your EHR.

WEIGHT

Medium (10 points)

WHAT THE REGISTRY PROVIDES

- 1) Access to a report you may run at any time listing your diabetic patients with an active DFU.
- 2) Access to a report you may run at any time listing the percentage of patient visits for a DFU in which you have documented adherence with appropriate off-loading at each visit.
- 3) An end of year report depicting your performance with adequate off-loading of DFUs in comparison to the USWR aggregate.

WHAT THE REGISTRY PROVIDES

Example:

USWR 1	Effective Clinical Care	Process						Return
Adequate Offloading of DFU Each Visit								
For: MD for 1/1/2016 - 7/9/2016								
CQM Number	Initial Population	Numerator	Denominator Exclusion	Denominator	Percentage	USWR Benchmark		
USWR 1	126	108	5	121	89.3%	34.1%		
Date of Encounter	Patient Name	Patient Unit Number	Offloading	Exclusion	Exclusion Reason	Performance Met	Performance Not Met	
			Crow Walker	0		1	0	
			Custom Insert	0		1	0	
				1	Consult	0	0	
			Crow Walker	1	Consult	0	0	
			Custom Insert	0		1	0	
				1	Consult	0	0	
			Custom Insert	0		1	0	
			Crow Walker	0		1	0	

YOUR ACTIVITY

- 1) Evaluate whether you are providing off-loading to your patients with DFUs at the benchmark rate.
- 2) Review the names of the patients with DFUs who have not been provided with adequate off-loading, and discuss with your staff how you can get these patients into a better treatment regimen.

REFERENCES

- i. Snyder RJ, et al. The Management of Diabetic Foot Ulcers through Optimal Off-loading. Building Consensus Guidelines and Practical Recommendations to Improve Outcomes. Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association. Vol 104. No. 6. Nov/Dec 2014.